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PCT Application
No. PCT/JP03/00710)

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**SUBMISSION OF SIGNED DECLARATION AND
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Responsive to the Patent Office Notice mailed March 30, 2005, the term for response to which expires on May 30, 2005, 2004, submitted herewith is a Declaration executed by the inventors, referring to the application by International Serial Number and filing date.

Submitted herewith is a PTO-2038 form authorizing the charge of \$130.00.

Also attached hereto is an executed Assignment and PTO-1595 Form, along with a PTO-2038 form authorizing the charge of \$40.00 to cover the Assignment recordation fee.

Authorization is also given to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 06-1378.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

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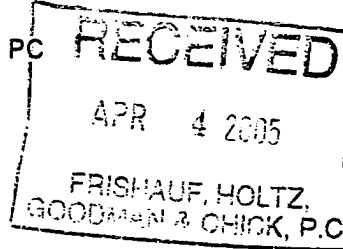


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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/06/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/06/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/06/2004
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 07/06/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/06/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 07/06/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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